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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed for cotton during the current year;

(b) the criteria followed in fixing the MSP;

(c) whether the Government takes into consideration the input cost and labour for fixing the MSP of cotton; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Based on the recommendations made by Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) the Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price of the following varieties on cotton for 2004-05 season as follows:

(Rs./Quintal)

Cotton Variety	MSP
F414/H-777/J-34 (Medium Staple)	1760
H-4 (Long Staple)	1960

In accordance with the recommendations/guidelines given by the CACP and approved by the Government, Office of the Textile Commissioner has fixed the MSP for other varieties of cotton based on the support prices for these two basic varieties and taking into account the quality differential, normal price differential and other relevant factors which are given in Annexure I.

(b) to (d): The Government decides on the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for various agricultural commodities, including cotton, taking into account the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Governments and concerned Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors, which in the opinion of the Government, are important for fixation of MSPs.

While recommending MSP, the CACP analyses data on the cost of cultivation/production, trends and spread of input use, production and productivity of the crop concerned, domestic and global market prices, inter-crop price parity, supply-demand situation, procurement and distribution, terms of trade etc. The cost of cultivation-production takes into account expenses incurred on agricultural inputs including seeds, fertilizer, pesticides, labour, irrigation, power, depreciation on implements and machinery etc. The cost covers not only actual expenses incurred in cash and kind, including rent for leased-in land but also imputed value of wages of family labour, rent for owned land and interest on fixed capital.

Annexure-I

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR COTTON DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2005

MSP FIXED BY TEXTILE COMMISSIONER FOR DIFFERENT VARIENTIES OF COTTON

(Rs./Qtl)

Sr.No.	Variety	Basic staple Length (2.5% Span Length)	Micronaire Value	Support Price for 2004-05
1.	Assam Comilla	-	7.0-8.0	1400
2.	Bengal Deshi	-	6.8.-7.2	1310
3.	V-797	22.0 mm	4.2-4.8	1640
4.	Jayadhar	23.0 mm	5.0-5.6	1640
5.	G.Cot 12/13	23.5 mm	4.2-5.0	1560
6.	AK/Y-1	24.0 mm	4.8-5.2	1675
7	NHH-44(Marathwada & Khandesh)	24.0 mm	3.0-3.2	1675
8.	NHH-44 (Vidhartha)	25.0 mm	3.3-3.7	1700
9.	PCO-2(A.P.& Karnataka)	25.0 mm	4.8-5.5	1650
10.	F-414/H-777/J-34(Rajashtan)	24.5 mm	3.8-4.2	1760
11.	F-414/H-777/J-34(Haryana)	25.5 mm	3.8-4.4	1785
12.	F-414/H-777/J-34(Punjab)	26.0 mm	3.8-4.4	1815
13.	AHH-468	25.5 mm	3.8-4.2	1785
14.	1007/Jhurar/DHY-286	27.0 mm	3.7-4.0	1836
15.	LRA-5166	27.0 mm	3.6-4.2	1835
16.	JKHY-1/MECH	30.0 mm	3.8-4.2	1885
17.	Saakar-6/10	29.0 mm	3.7-4.3	1960
18.	H-4/H-6	30.0 mm	3.6-4.2	1960
19.	Bunny/Brahma	31.5 mm	3.4-4.0	2010
20.	MCU-5	33.0 mm	3.0-3.5	2035
21.	SURABHI	33.0 mm	3.6-3.8	2035
22.	DCH-32(M.P)	34.0 mm	3.0-3.3	2065
23.	DCH-32(South)	37.0 mm	3.0-3.5	2170
24.	Suvin	40.0 mm	3.2-3.6	3135